

An Essay on  
Bignonia Sempervirens  
Respectfully Submitted  
to the Faculty of the  
<sup>and</sup> Homoeopathic Medical College  
of Pennsylvania  
on the  
fourth day of February

One Thousand eight hundred & fifty two.  
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The tincture of this plant. was made from the flowers: by John H. Henry M.D. of Montgomery Alabama; and sent to Dr. C. Neidhard of this city: from whom I obtained it, and by whose advice I was induced to make this proving Dr. H. does not state the mode he adopted in preparing the tincture. but merely states that it was prepared from the flowers.-

I Joshua Stone: am twenty seven years of age; have black hair, light skin, am strictly temperate in my habits of life, using no intoxicating drinks of any kind, coffee, Tea or Tobacco: eschewing them all entirely.-



I am subject to occasional attacks of indigestion, and suffer much from cold hands and feet.

Otherwise than this, I enjoy a very good degree of health.

On the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> of Nov. 1852 at 10 o'clock, I took 6 drops of the tincture in water.

Nov. 22<sup>d</sup>. During the last night, was much annoyed with unpleasant dreams.

During the day, dull aching pain in the occipital region; aggravated by movement, especially on bending the head downwards.

This pain was much increased towards evening.



Nov. 23<sup>d</sup> Experienced dull pains in the head and extremities.

These pains were as I have described them dull, aching, and were not severe.

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> No symptoms.

At 10 o'clock I took ten drops of the tincture.

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> No symptoms.

" 26 " " "

" 27 " " "

" 28 " " "

" 29 " " "

At ten o'clock took 50 drops of tincture.

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> During the night was very restless and constantly dreaming, particularly after midnight  
Dull pain in bowels, which became quite severe towards morning.



Pair of a similar character in the  
sacral and lower lumbar region.-  
Dull heavy pain in region of occiput.-  
Involuntary emission of semen  
without an erection.-

Urine much increased in quantity.-  
Ten o'clock A.M. Dull pain in the  
humeral region, also in the lower  
extremities, which seem to be in the  
bones or deep muscles.-

Chilly all day, particularly in the  
morning.-

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Dull aching pain in lumbar  
and sacral region, which came on  
about 3 A.M. Also similar pains  
(deep seated) in upper and lower  
extremities, and joints generally.-  
Emission of semen without erection.-



Yellowish white fur on tongue.-

Sensation of something wanting in  
epigastric region.-

All the pains are much aggravated by  
warmth of bed, and are worse after  
midnight.-

The pains spoken of above continued  
during the day but were not as severe.  
In evening eyes felt quite sore, and  
as if there was some foreign substance  
irritating the conjunctiva.-

Dec. 2<sup>d</sup>. Very restless during the night  
particularly towards morning.-

Rheumatic pains in bones and joints of  
extremities, and in the back as the night  
previous.-

Also pain in bowels towards morning.-  
Headache of a dull aching character.



in the occipital region, extending  
occasionally to Os frontis.-

At night eyes quite sore, not much  
pain but merely soreness, with  
sensitiveness to light and lachrymation.-

Slight chills during the day.-

Dec. 3<sup>d</sup> Awoke about 3 or 4, A.M.

with severe pains in both upper  
extremities, seemed to be deep seated  
in the muscles.-

The pains are also most severe, in  
left arm and fore arm, and in  
calves of both legs.-

General restlessness, with chills  
in morning after breakfast.-

Rather dull and stupid, for some  
days: with disinclination to  
conversation.-



This was remarked by my friends  
who knew nothing of my taking  
medicine. —

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Rheumatic pains in extremities  
as heretofore; but less severe. —

Soreness of the eyes at night. —

Dec. 5. Symptoms similar to those  
experienced yesterday. —

Eyes quite sore at night. —

Dec. 6. About 4. A.M. awoke with  
pain of a Rheumatic character in  
extremities. —

After breakfast experienced a dull  
aching pain in head in region of  
occiput, which increased in severity  
as the day advanced. —

At 10 o'clock A.M. I went to the  
Penn. Hospital, where I saw a



number of severe wounds.-

I am not usually much affected  
by the sight of wounds:-

but to-day that on something else  
caused some very unpleasant  
sensations: which were as follows-

My friend remarked that I was  
very pale: I became very weak;  
accompanied with nausea, and  
trembling of lower extremities:-

These continued some ten minutes  
but disappeared on going into  
the open air.-

Head-ache continued to increase in  
severity until after dinner; when it  
was much relieved.-

But about 4 P.M. The pain again  
returned and was more severe than



before; and seemed to increase in severity, until in the evening, when it became excruciating; accompanied with slight nausea.-

The pain seemed slightly mitigated by shaking the head; but the relief thus obtained was not marked.-

I also felt quite chilly.-

Went to bed about nine o'clock;

but the recumbent position did not mitigate the pain at first:-

I however succeeded in getting sleep from about 10½ to 2½ A.M., when I awoke with a most intense aching pain in left frontal region, and extending to right occipital region, and occasionally over the entire head.- This continued about one hour and



Then left me entirely. -

After which, experienced a dull  
aching pain in the umbilical  
region, which continued until I  
got up. -

Deep seated pains in muscles of  
extremities. - relieved by motion  
After breakfast, had a sharp,  
shooting pain, from right shoulder  
to dorsal vertebra. -

Dec. 8. During the last night the  
pains as heretofore in extremities;  
which come on mostly after midnight. -  
These pains were also continued  
during the day; but in a much  
less degree. -

Palpitation of muscles of Abdomen  
which continued about 3 minutes. -



Dull pain in lower lumbar and sacral region. -

Dec. 9. During night, pains in extremities much as usual, particularly in, in fore arms, and calves of legs. - Also in elbow and knee joints. - All symptoms of extremities were similar to those experienced before, but were less severe. -

Dec. 10. Early in morning sharp shooting pain in last phalangeal joint of right thumb. -

Have experienced dull pains in muscles of right arm and shoulder; and some of the time, in left arm & lower extremities. -

Dec. 11. Slight pains in extremities during



the night.-

3 P.M. sharp shooting pain in  
calf of right leg.-

6 P.M. sharp pain in right wrist.-

7 " " Dull pain in left thigh.-

And under scapula of left side.-

7 1/2 P.M. severe aching pain in left  
elbow.-

Have felt dull pains of a shifting  
character, all day.-

Dec. 12 Symptoms of last night, were  
not prominent; some slight pains  
in muscles of extremities

Hypochondriacal mood all day  
dull, stupid, but little pain in  
muscles of extremities.-

Dull pain in head in region of  
the occiput.-



9. P. M. Pain in right wrist of a dull character, with great weakness of the wrist. -

Dec. 13. Pain in wrist less severe, but it is still quite weak. -

Dec. 14 No symptoms. -

" 15. " " "

" 16. In P. M. Took 50 drops of Tincture. -

Dec. 17. During night very restless. -  
During the day tendency to headache on movement. - particularly on going up stairs. -

Dec. 18. Slight pain in left Hypochondriac region. -

Dec. 20. About 11 A. M. severe aching pain in region of occiput. for a few moments. -



Very dull and stupid, with  
aversion to study. -

The pains were mostly of a dull  
character, but some of them were  
of a different character, as will  
be perceived by the record. -

Pains over the whole top of the head,  
extending back to the occiput, with  
a general dizziness and disagreeable pain  
in the whole head. -

Melancholy and desponding mood. -

Pains of a shooting character in the frontal  
sinus, extending to the eyes and jaws. -

The pain in the eyes is of a pricking  
character extending from the center of  
the eyes, to the angles. -

In the right eye, the pains seem to  
wind round the eye. -



The following symptoms were obtained  
by Dr. Henry of Montgomery Alabama. &  
were forwarded to Dr. C. Tidhard. from  
whom I obtained them. -

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1859. I took 30 Drops of the tincture.

The first symptoms felt were:

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Pain extending from the bridge of the nose to the eye. -

Pains deep in the ball of the left eye, extending from above downwards. -

Paroxysmal pains in the left lower extremity. -

Violent shooting pain in the leg, which comes on in paroxysms. every one is more violent. -

The pain is half way between the knee and ankle. -

Pain in hip of left side confining itself to the joint; it at times extends down the outside of the thigh. -

The pain is of a sharp drawing character, and much worse in motion. -

Pain in flexor muscles of the right fore arm. -



Pain in the little finger and the one next it. -

Pains in left foot and ankle; with spasmodic contraction and drawing pains in the toes. -

Pains in the neck which confine themselves to the upper part of the sterno-clido-mastoid muscles directly back of the parotid gland. On the right side pain extends from the last back tooth, up to the temple. -

Short paroxysmal pain in the superior part of the right lung. -

On taking a long breath it strikes from above downwards. -

The pain in the lung is one of the most prominent symptoms. -

Rumbling and rolling in the abdomen with emission of flatus above & below.



Periodical pains in the abdomen with  
Yellow diarrhoea coming on in the evening.  
Pain in left iliac region. -

Bowels loose but great difficulty in  
discharging anything. -

There seems to be great strength to  
the sphincter muscles. -

Yellow coat on tongue. -

April, 5. Took 30 drops of tincture. -

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head extending back to the occiput. -

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sensation in the whole head. -

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to the eyes and jaw. -

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The pains seem to wind round the right eye. - Pain extending from the bridge of the nose to the eye. -

Deep seated pains in the eye of left side, extending from above downwards. All these symptoms were felt with more violence than at first. -

Spasmodic pain extending from the inner condyle of the right arm to the axilla. -

Smoky appearance before the eyes, with pain above them. -

Total blindness ensued in a very short time after taking the 30 drops, with violent dizziness. -

A band like pain, which surrounds the head, with shooting pain in each jaw and parietal bone. -



Pain in left side of head extending  
from the prominence of the parietal  
bone, to the mastoid process of the  
temporal; it is periodical in its nature.  
Periodical pains in the Pectoral muscles.

General symptoms were;

Chilly sensation over the entire body  
appearing at the same time every  
day. - distressing headache.

Eyes and complexion yellow. -

Complete prostration of the system  
with emaciation. - exhausted very easily.

The Dr. remarks, That the remedy  
was taken for one week, the dose  
being gradually increased each  
day. -

Stomach  
Lambs  
The pains in the lower limbs  
extending from the thighs to the toes.

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Mr. Franklin Bigelow aged 24.-

Sanguine nervous temperament.-

Took 20 drops of tincture of Bignonia.-

Eight days after taking it. Experienced sensation of heaviness and oppression of the head.-

Severe and oppressive pains in the fore-head and vertex.-

Very distressing head-ache.-

Gloomy and indisposed to exertion of any kind.

Become tired & greatly exhausted very easily.-

Headache comes on after dinner & continues till evening.-

At the same time excessive drawing,

Contracting <sup>& crampy</sup> pains in the lower limbs extending from the thighs to the toes.-

The pains seem to proceed from the



bones as well as muscles. -

Excessive crampy pains in the whole right foot. -

During and after a walk the symptoms are all much aggravated. -

It seems as if the limbs could not be made to move another step. -

When the pains are felt above the knee, they are not felt below, and "vice versa". -

Excessive drawing and contracting pains in the Gastrocnemius muscle of the left ~~side~~ leg. -

The other pains in the limbs all abate while sitting, this does not;

No position relieves it. -

Drawing & aching pains, which seem to come from the bones. -

Heaviness & feeling of weight in the bones. -



But little inclination to sleep; when  
it does come on dreams much of  
business &c.

Eyes much inflamed and weak;  
with great flow of tears at intervals.-

Mr. Bigelow did not regard the  
symptoms at first, as they were so  
small he did not think them worth  
noticing, he however concluded that  
those above were not to be trifled with  
and consequently resorted to them.

All which, with those obtained by  
Dr. Henry and myself are  
respectfully submitted.-



Essay

The influence of the mind on the body

Respectfully submitted

to the Faculty of the

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of  
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on the thirtieth day of Jan<sup>y</sup>

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